

(Zweedy's associate in collecting) have already been honored in the genus.

I have put the Fiedler letters up with *Triscaulmaceae* which you will want sometime. But what shall I do with those boxes which contain so much of the "Mechanism of the ~~Process~~ ^{Arrival}!" I think I will send them to Forte in Philadelphia who sells everything good & bad.

Ever truly,
Wm. Maury

Do you remember how Peter Collinson (I think) complained about the expense that Linnaeus put him to by publishing ~~so~~ many new works which made all former ones useless? But he bought them never the less; and so botanists now must do with yours.

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My Dear Dr. Gray, I have been "too busy for anything" for a week past and thus unable to answer until now. First as to the *Sp. Fl. N. Am.* I understand you to say that all as yet published is to be reprinted with supplements to each part and bound together, the price for the whole to be ^{say \$}5.00. I suppose the reprinting is to be from the original stereotype plates and in cases where considerable alteration is needed, as in "*Britichium*" (olim), the whole thing will be done over in the supplement. Perhaps however ~~the~~ plates for printing *Krynitzkii*, *Plagio botrys*, and such like extensive nomenclatures may be substituted for the old ones from which *Britichium* was

~~are~~ formerly printed. If this could be properly done it might be better: but I really know very little about these things and can only speak of convenience in use. Now addenda and Supplements are of course more or less inconvenient but often almost indispensable and especially in such a work as the *Synoptical Flora*, covering such an immense territory in its scope, much of which is not fully explored and in almost all parts of which active minds are at work making new discoveries, as well as emendations of old observations; in which too - that very inconvenient thing - a multiplied authorship in diverse or divers (at least) publications is taking place. Now looking at it in this way it certainly seems as if it must be a great boon to all former purchasers to have these things brought together and thoroughly

revised by the best possible authority and the two volumes in one (a real convenience) for the original price of one; while for future purchasers it would be most advantageous in every way. The lower price would induce many to repurchase and many others to buy who would be unable to pay the old one.

How it might seem to others I cannot of course say; but for myself I can only hope that you may carry out your design.

I am obliged for the names of the plants sent. Of course you are to keep the specimens. With regard to the western ones you and Watson do as you think best. Do not "respect" my names if better ones are to be had - only I should like directly to have the credit of the *Astragalus* especially as Howell and Pringle (~~Pringle~~)